Railway flyover bridge in Orissa

2136. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any plan for more railway flyover bridges at Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road and Manapur in Orissa, as all National Highways are going to be four lane roads; and

(b) whether Railways also have plan to make all railway flyovers four lane road keeping in view the future development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. No proposal has been received either from National Highway Authority or State Govt.

(b) Policy already exists for construction of 4 lane Road over bridges (ROB) in lieu of those level crossings where traffic density has gone beyond 3 lakh TVUs with 6000 Road vehicle units (TVU -A unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing in 24 hours). Even the existing ROBs with 2 lane width can be converted into 4 lane on cost sharing basis if traffic density reaches at 5 lakh TVUs with 10,000 Road vehicle units and proposals are sponsored by State Govt. concerned.

Appointment on compassionate ground

2137. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for appointment to different posts on compassionate ground are pending with Government alongwith the details of those applications division-wise;

(b) how many people have been given appointments, so far;

(c) whether Government is aware that some cases are pending for more than one year particularly from Agra division; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to expedite these applications so that the employees' families do not face hardships due to loss of bread winner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Conversion of major railway stations into international standards

2138. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of conversion of some major railway stations into international standard particularly New Delhi railway station and Mumbai railway station;

(b) the envisaged target for completion of these projects;

(c) the stations which have been identified for development in the next phase; and

(d) the likely dates for completion of the entire projects?